CHAPTER 4
POG JAPAN
REPORTING, SIR.
ABOUT THE CONTRACTOR OF THE ORPHEUS ARMLET...
HE SEEMS FAIRLY PROMISING IN TERMS OF ABILITIES
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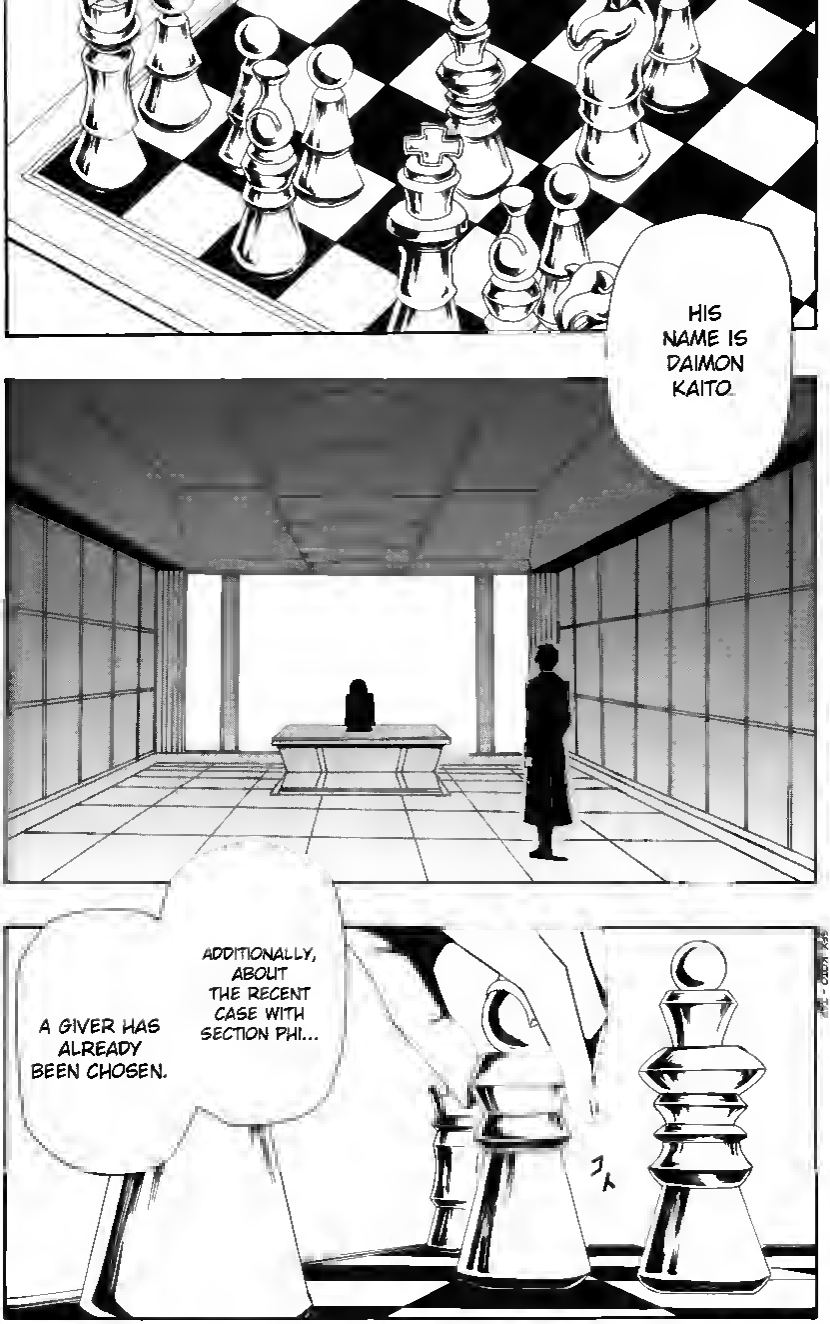
HIS NAME IS DAIMON KAITO.
ADDITIONALLY, ABOUT THE RECENT CASE WITH SECTION PHI...
A GIVER HAS ALREADY BEEN CHOSEN.

VERY WELL. LET'S SEE HOW THAT PLAYS OUT, SHALL WE.

WHOA!!!

WELCOME!!
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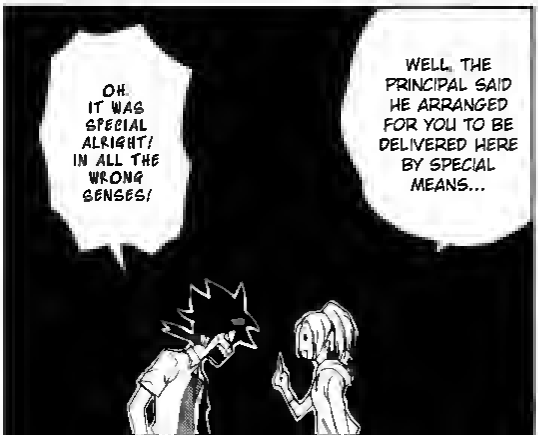
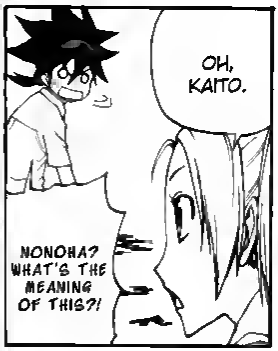

OH. IT WAS SPECIAL ALRIGHT! IN ALL THE WRONG SENSES!
WELL, THE PRINCIPAL SAID HE ARRANGED FOR YOU TO BE DELIVERED HERE BY SPECIAL MEANS...

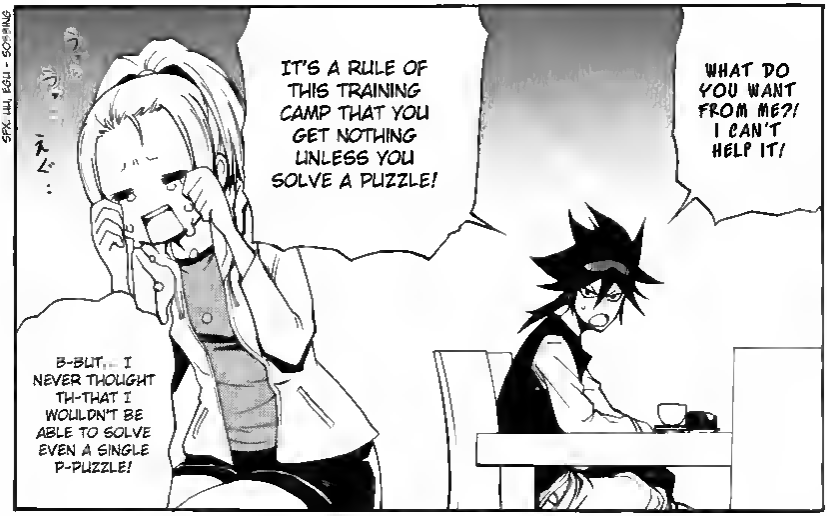

OH, KAITO.
NONOHA? WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS?!

WHAT IS THIS PLACE ANYWAY?
YOU DON'T KNOW?
IT'S THE PURVEYOR HOTEL OF ROOT AKADEMY.
I CAME HERE ONCE BEFORE WITH THE BASKETBALL CLUB FOR THEIR TRAINING CAMP.
I BROUGHT YOU A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, SO GO CHANGE

WHY DID THEY EVEN DRAG ME HERE, I WONDER...
ALL DONE.
THREE OF THEM.

CONGRATULATIONS.
YOU HAVE SOLVED THE PUZZLE, SO PLEASE HAVE TEA AND SWEETS AS A REWARD

SFX: PEKO - BOW

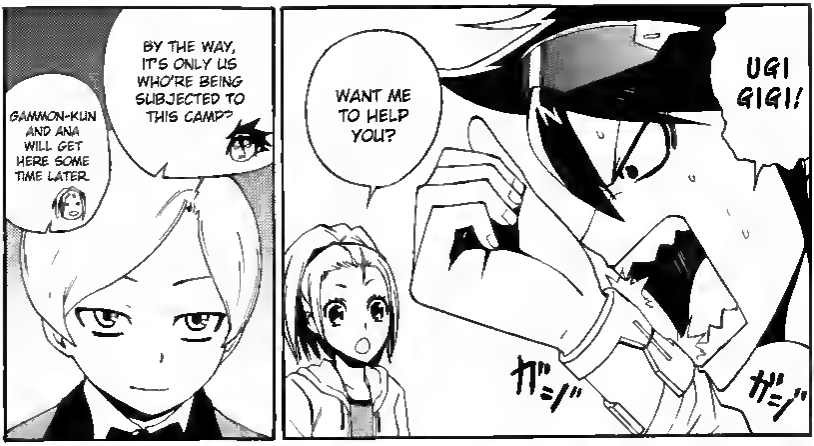

SFX: UU, EGU - SOBBING
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME?! I CAN'T HELP IT!
IT'S A RULE OF THIS TRAINING CAMP THAT YOU GET NOTHING UNLESS YOU SOLVE A PUZZLE!
B-BUT, I NEVER THOUGHT TH-THAT I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SOLVE EVEN A SINGLE P-PUZZLE!

WHAT REALLY BOTHERS ME IS WHY DO I HAVE TO HAVE A PUZZLE TRAINING CAMP ALL OF A SUDDEN...
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE PRINCIPAL'S ORDERS WERE,
BUT KIDNAPPING PEOPLE IS DEFINITELY NOT HOW YOU ASK THEM TO DO YOU A FAVOR AND COME SOMEWHERE

FOR GENIUSES TO BE TRULY USEFUL,
THEY NEED TO PUT THAT GENIUS BRAIN OF THEIRS TO A GOOD USE, AND SOLVING PUZZLES DEFINITELY DOESN'T QUALIFY AS SUCH.
OH, BUT I WASN'T KIDNAPPED. I GOT HERE BY NORMAL MEANS - BY BUS AND TAXI.
SERIO-USLY?!
PUZZLES ARE RATHER STUPID AND USELESS THINGS, DON'T YOU AGREE?
IF YOU SEE NO MEANING TO IT, THEN WHY ARE YOU EVEN HERE, PRAY TELL?
WHO ARE YOU, AGAIN? CUBIC THE 'EDISON' OR SOME-THING?
PUZZLES ARE STUPID, YOU SAID?

OH, BUT THERE'S *MEANING* TO IT.
THAT MEANING BEING YOU, DAIMON KAITO THE CONTRACTOR OF THE ORPHEUS ARMLET.

WHAT THE HELL. YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANY SENSE.
SFX KASHIN - CLICK
THE HECK?!
IT'S A LITTLE PRESENT FROM ME.
A CHARM TO WARD OFF PUZZLES.
TAKE THIS THING OFF ME!!!
I WILL, ONCE YOU'RE RESOLVED TO STAY AWAY FROM PUZZLES.
TCH ...!
I'LL MANAGE WITHOUT YOUR HELP, THEN.


BY THE WAY, IT'S ONLY US WHO'RE BEING SUBJECTED TO THIS CAMP?
GAMMON-KUN AND ANA WILL GET HERE SOME TIME LATER.
WANT ME TO HELP YOU?
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IT IS RATHER LATE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE DINNER, PERHAPS?
Ouch!!!
EXCUSE ME.
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Ouch!
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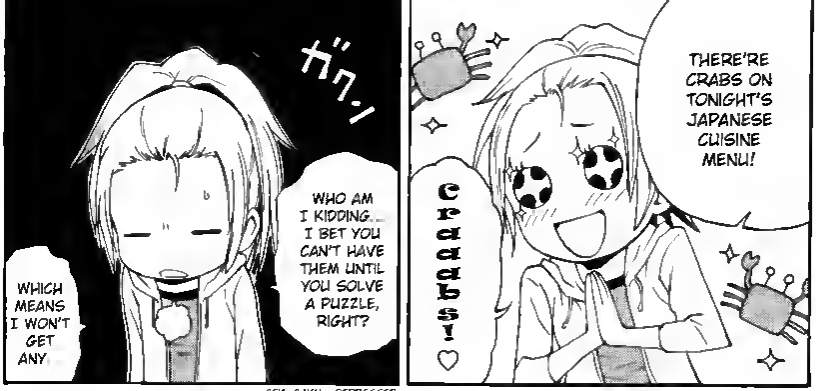
THERE'RE CRABS ON TONIGHT'S JAPANESE CUISINE MENU!
Crabs! ♡
WHO AM I KIDDING... I BET YOU CAN'T HAVE THEM UNTIL YOU SOLVE A PUZZLE, RIGHT?
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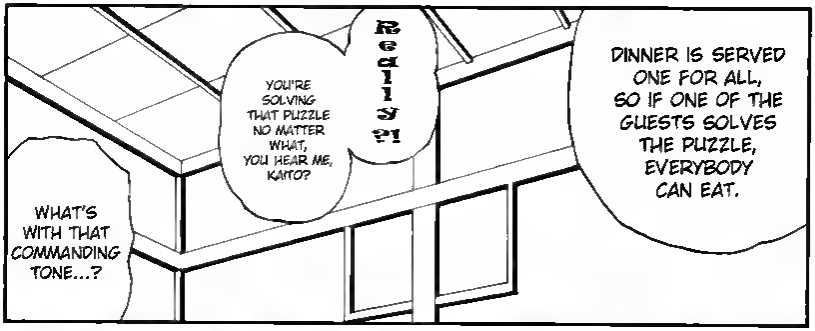
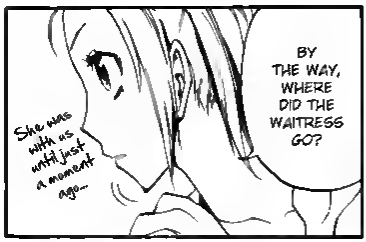
WHICH MEANS I WON'T GET ANY.

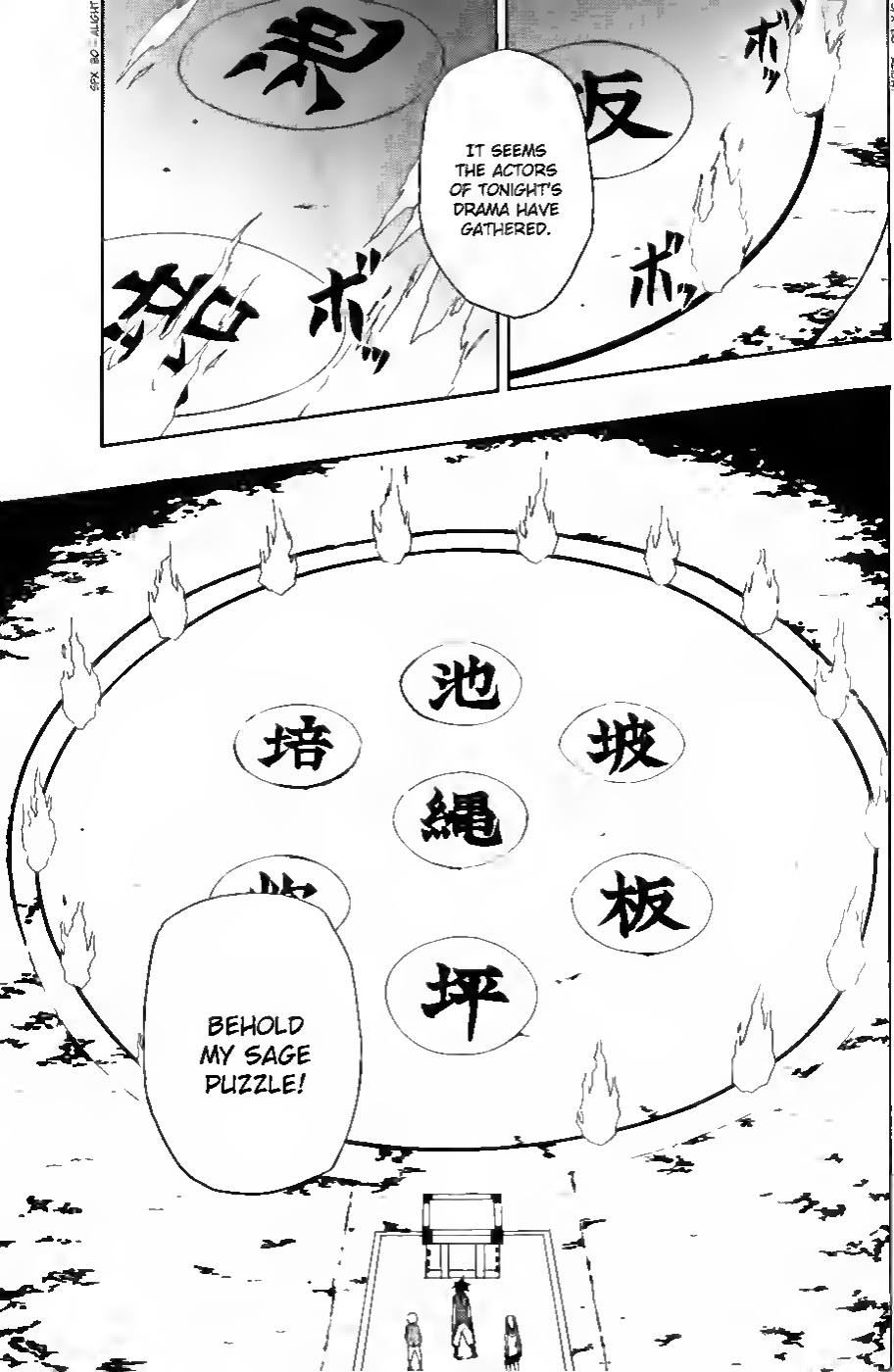
SFX GAKU - DEPRESSED


DINNER IS SERVED ONE FOR ALL, SO IF ONE OF THE GUESTS SOLVES THE PUZZLE, EVERYBODY CAN EAT.
Really?!
YOU'RE SOLVING THAT PUZZLE NO MATTER WHAT, YOU HEAR ME, KAITO?
WHAT'S WITH THAT COMMANDING TONE...?

THEN THIS WAY, PLEASE
WOAH. I NEVER KNEW THERE WAS A PLACE LIKE THIS HERE...
IT IS DARK SO PLEASE WATCH YOUR STEP
CUBIC... IF YOU CONSIDER PUZZLES STUPID, WHY BOTHER TAGGING ALONG?
I WANT TO GET PROOF THAT YOU WILL NOT SOLVE THAT PUZZLE KAITO-KUN
OH REALLY.
CRABS, CRABS.



SFX: BO | ALIGHTS



SFX BG - ALIGHT

IF YOU SOLVE IT, YOU SHALL BE SPARED. IF NOT... FUFUFU!
YOUR LIVES SHALL BE THE TREASURE OF THIS PUZZLE!
POG GIVER
PRIESTESS OF THE BEAST
EHP THE WAITRESS?
WHAT ABOUT MY CRABS?!
A SAGE PUZZLE?!
YOU'RE A POG GIVER?!

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YOU SHALL USE ONLY 6 OUT OF 7 KANJI.
STAND ON TOP OF THE ONE EXTRA KANJI WHICH SHALL BE LEFT UNUSED
CHOOSE KANJI AND PUT THEM INTO THE BLANK SPACES TO COMPLETE THE CIRCLE.
WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON? WHY THERE'S A POG GIVER IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
DOES THIS MEAN THERE'S SOME SORT OF CONNECTION BETWEEN THEM AND THE PRINCIPAL?
WHATEVER THE CASE, FOR NOW, SOLVING THIS PUZZLE TAKES PRIORITY.

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WHAT'S WITH ME...?
WHEN I TRY TO SOLVE THIS PUZZLE, MY HEAD STARTS HURTING LIKE HELL...!

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THAT BRACELET IS A DEVICE THAT'S DESIGNED TO INTEREFE WITH YOUR THOUGHT PROCESS WHENEVER YOU TRY TO SOLVE A PUZZLE.
IT'S THE EFFECT OF THE BRACELET YOU'RE WEARING.
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KAITO-KUN, STAY THERE AND WATCH.
I WILL SHOW YOU THAT SOLVING PUZZLES IS NOT A SUITABLE OCCUPATION FOR A GENIUS.
EDISON...
BUT ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN SOLVE IT?

A SIMPLE PUZZLE LIKE THIS...
IT WON'T EVEN GIVE MY BRAIN AN INTELLECTUAL WORKOUT.
I WILL SOLVE IT IN NO TIME
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SFX: GO - FLAMES ROARING
WE'RE SURROUNDED BY FLAMES!
SO THIS TIME, THEY WANT TO FRY US ALIVE?!
YOU HAVE NO INTENTION TO LET ME SOLVE IT IN PEACE, HUH? WELL, WHATEVER.

THESE KANJI EACH CONSIST OF TWO RADICALS - LEFT AND RIGHT.
IN OTHER WORDS, TO FILL IN THE BLANKS YOU JUST NEED TO COMBINE THE LEFT AND THE RIGHT RADICALS OF THE TWO NEIGHBORING KANJI NEXT TO A BLANK.
AFTER WE FILL IN THE BLANKS,
THE ONLY UNUSED KANJI IS..
...'NAWA'!
HMPH THIS WAS EVEN EASIER THAN I EXPECTED.
TN: NAWA = ROPE
SFX: ZUTH - BREATHE SFX: GO - RUMBLE
'NAWA' ... BACK-WARDS WILL BE...
THE CIRCLE MOVED AND IS NOW SET BACKWARDS...?
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TAN: WANA = TRAP

SPICY ZULI - RUSTLE

SFX: TA - TA - TA - TA - RUNNING
WHAT IS THIS SAND?!
I CAN'T GET OUT!
SFX: ZUZU - SINKING
CUBIC-KUN!
SFX: ZABA - SPLATTER
SFX: ZUPU - TUP
NONO-HA!
CUBIC!
HA HA HA HA!
GREAT! YOU FELL INTO THE TRAP NEATLY!

SFX: GOOO - FLAMES ROARING
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AND THIS IS THE TRUE FORM OF MY SAGE PUZZLE!
IN THIS WORLD, THE MOST PRECIOUS TREASURE IS HUMAN LIFE...
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DON'T YOU THINK SO?
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SFX: TO - FLAMES

SFX: ZUKI - THROB

SFX: ZUHU - SUCKING IN

GET OUT?
WHAT RUBBISH!
I'LL TAKE THE BRACELET OFF OF HIM, SO LET ME GET OUT OF HERE!
HEY, LISTEN! BECAUSE HE'S WEARING THE BRACELET I MADE, KAITO-KUN CAN'T THINK NORMALLY AT THE MOMENT!
YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GETTING YOURSELF INTO THE SITUATION YOU ARE IN
IF HE CANNOT SOLVE THE PUZZLE, YOU WILL DIE AS SIMPLE AS THAT!
NO WAY ...

AHAHAHAHA!

KAITO... IF YOU LOOK AT A PUZZLE CLOSELY, YOU WILL GET TO KNOW ITS MAKER

MEETING PUZZLES IS THE SAME AS MEETING PEOPLE
SFX GU - TIGHTENS

KAITO...
SOLVE THEM.
SET UN-
FORTUNATE
PUZZLES
FREE...!

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SFX: GOO - FLAMES ROARING
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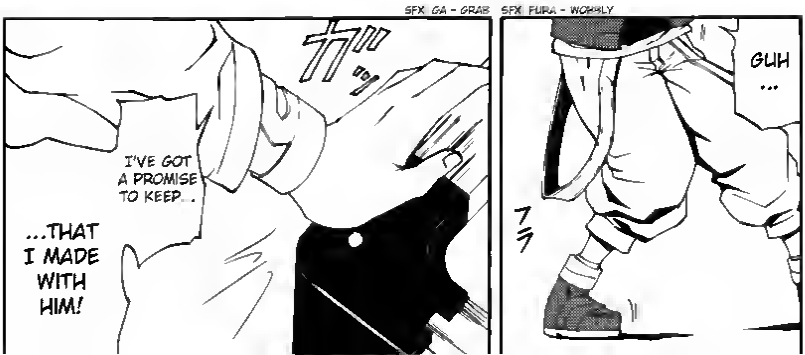
WILL...

I WILL...
...SET THIS PUZZLE FREE!
KAITO-KUN...
THIS IS NOT A SITUATION WHERE HE CAN DO MUCH... YET HE DOESN'T GIVE UP...


SFX GA - GRAB
SFX FURA - WOBBLY
I'VE GOT A PROMISE TO KEEP..
...THAT I MADE WITH HIM!
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SFX KA - SHINING
SFX SUU - INHALE
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WHAT?!

PUZZLE TIME, START.

IF KANJI ARE ADDED TO IT, THE FORMATION WILL HAVE 6 CORNERS.
IS IT BECAUSE OF THE ORPHEUS ARMLET...?
KAITO-KUN LOOKS VERY DIFFERENT...
IF ME AND THE FORCES OF NATURE INDICATES THAT I NEED TO CHOOSE THOSE KANJI
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THAT INCLUDE THE RADICALS FOR THE FOUR ELEMETS - WATER, EARTH, FIRE AND WOOD.

DON'T WORRY.
WHA...
I WAS INTRIGUED WHAT YOU WOULD DO, BUT YOU ARE JUST STANDING AND PONDERING, EH! YOUR FRIENDS COULD DROWN IN THAT QUICKSAND ANY MOMENT, SO SHOULDN'T YOU DO SOMETHING MORE PRODUCTIVE?
FUH ... AHA HA!
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SFX FACHI - CLICK
I'VE ALREADY FOUND THE ANSWER.
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SFX FACHI - CLICK
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UGH...
SFX ZUZU - RUSTLE
KAITO ...
ONLY TWO BLANKS ARE LEFT TO FILL IN!
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AND THE COMMON ELEMENT FOR THEM IS...
...'WATER'!

SFX ZUZU - RUSTLE

I REFUSE TO BELIEVE IT...
MY PUZZLE...
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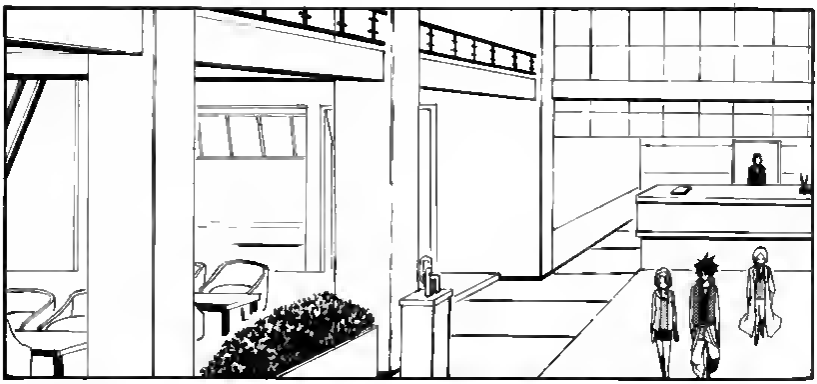
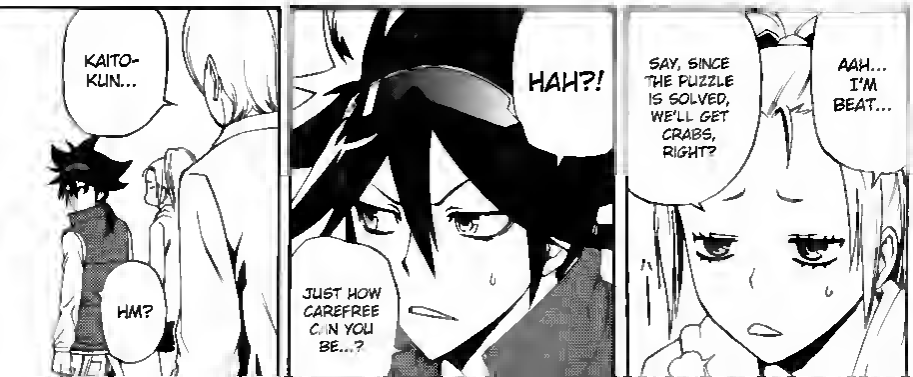
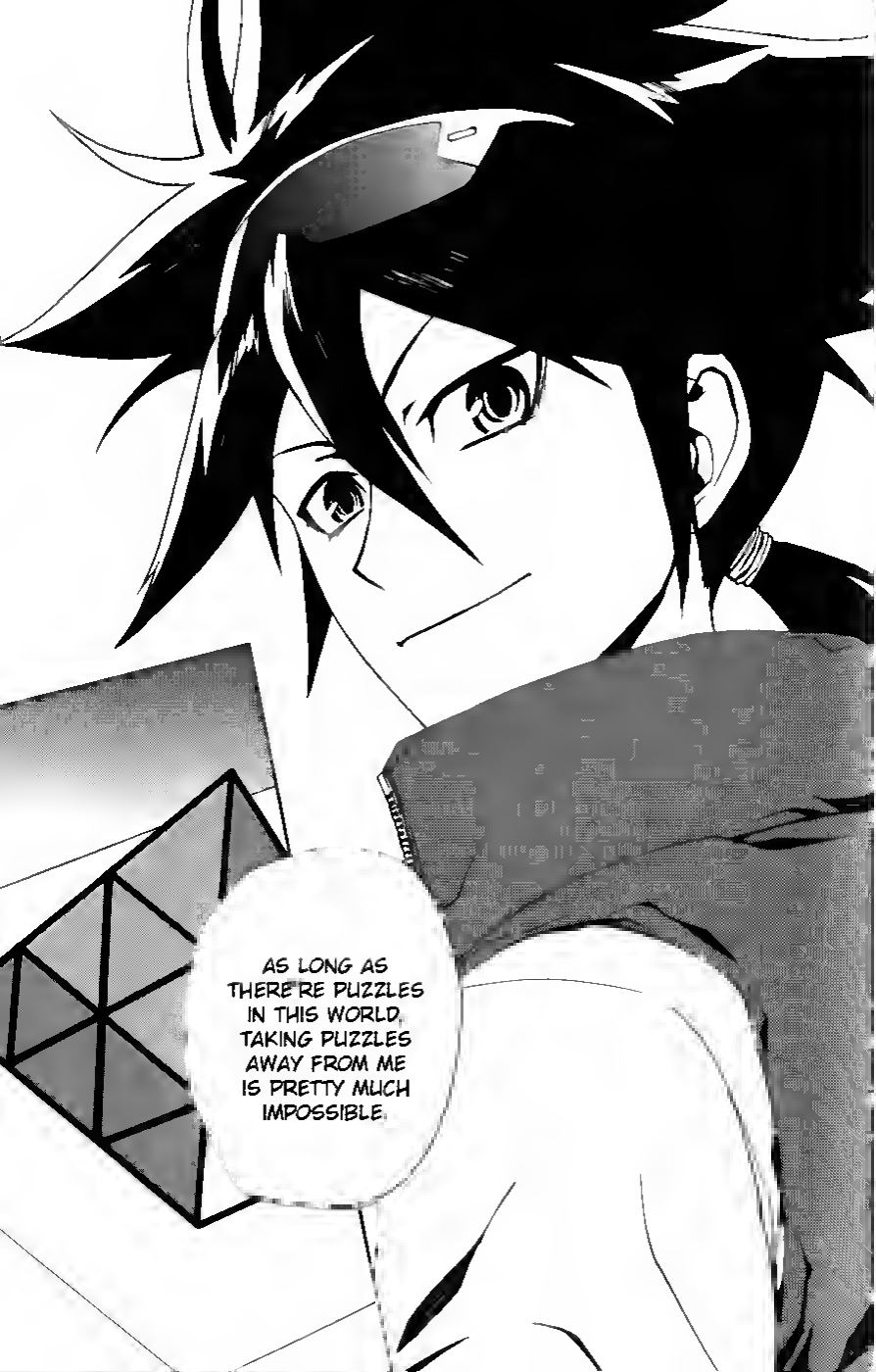
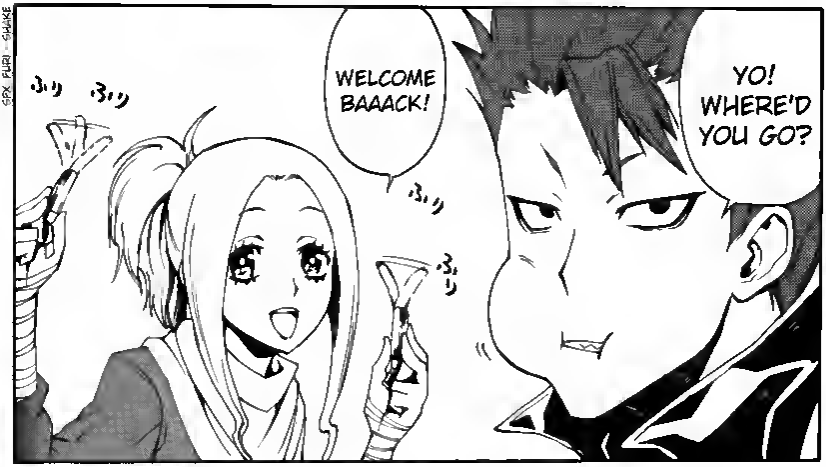



KAITO-KUN...
HM?
HAH?!
JUST HOW CAREFREE CAN YOU BE...?
SAY, SINCE THE PUZZLE IS SOLVED, WE'LL GET CRABS, RIGHT?
AAH... I'M BEAT...

MY SELFISH ACTIONS ENDAGERED YOUR LIVES, SO I...
I'M SORRY.
I UNDERSTAND NOW... I SHOULDN'T TRY TO TAKE PUZZLES AWAY FROM YOU.


AS LONG AS THERE'RE PUZZLES IN THIS WORLD, TAKING PUZZLES AWAY FROM ME IS PRETTY MUCH IMPOSSIBLE.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WELCOME BAAACK!
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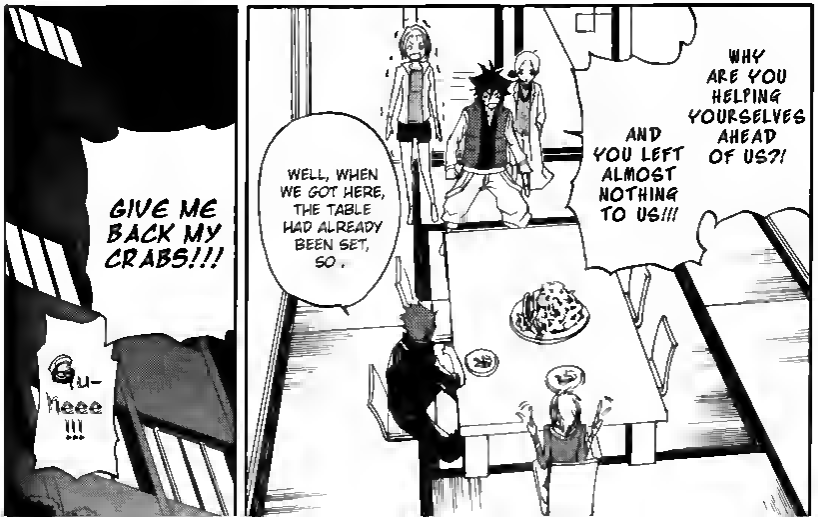
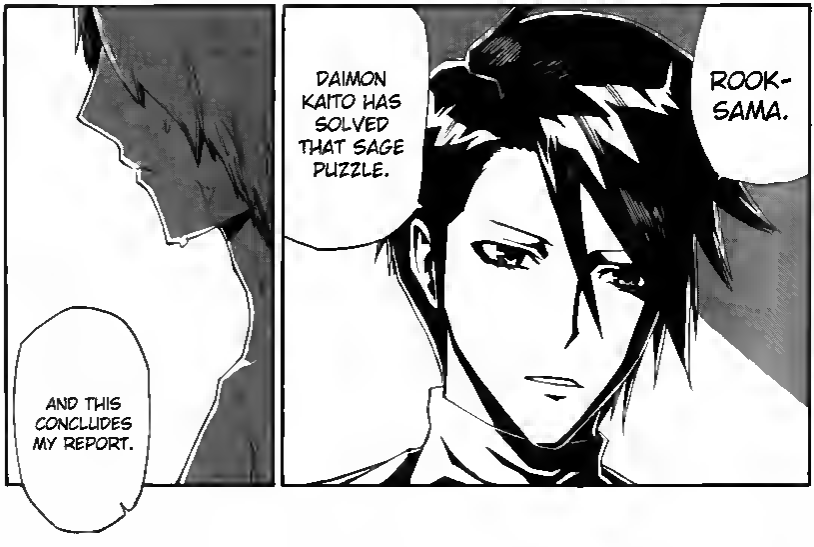
YO! WHERE'D YOU GO?


GIVE ME BACK MY CRABS!!!
Gu-heee !!!
WELL, WHEN WE GOT HERE, THE TABLE HAD ALREADY BEEN SET, SO.
AND YOU LEFT ALMOST NOTHING TO US!!!
WHY ARE YOU HELPING YOURSELVES AHEAD OF US?!


ROOK-SAMA.
DAIMON KAITO HAS SOLVED THAT SAGE PUZZLE.
AND THIS CONCLUDES MY REPORT.

SFX: CHAPU - SCOOP
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I SEE...
KAITO.
WHEN YOU'RE SOLVING PUZZLES, YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL